

# SBC Ends Fiscal Year With \$86.3 Million

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention ended the 1975-76 fiscal year here September 30 with almost \$86.3 million in total receipts from churches—including over \$46.7 million for the SBC's national Cooperative Program unified budget.

The Cooperative Program figure, \$46,725,721, exceeds the basic operating and capital needs budgets for agencies administering the SBC's worldwide missions program by more than \$4.6 million. But it was \$4.2 million short of a "challenge" goal to meet unfunded mission needs.

The 1975-76 budget included a \$41 million basic operating budget, \$1,080,000 capital needs budget, and \$8,920,000 in challenge funds for a total of \$51 million. At the beginning of October, Southern Baptists began shooting for a 1976-77 budget of \$55 million, which includes \$49 million in basic operating needs, \$1,080,000 in capital needs, and \$4,920,000 in challenge funds.

The total receipts, \$86,286,334, included the Cooperative Program figure and an additional \$39,560,613 in funds designated to specific causes. The Cooperative Program figure is undesignated.

Overall percentages showed a 13.65 percent increase in the Cooperative Program amount over the \$41.1 million received by the end of the 1974-75 fiscal year, and a 12.42 percent increase in total contributions over the \$76.7 million received last year. Designated gifts alone showed an 11 percent increase over \$35.6 million received last year.

A rough breakdown of SBC giving in all 34,902 churches, indicates that the Cooperative Program figure of over \$46.7 million represents about one-third of the amount received from churches by 33 state conventions, covering all 50 states. That figure, in turn, represents between 8 and 9 percent of the amount actually given in the churches.

During September, the final month of the fiscal year, Cooperative Program receipts totaled \$3,647,284, a 15 percent increase over last September;

designated contributions totaled \$570,991, a 15.74 percent increase over last September; and total gifts amounted to \$4,218,275, a 15.10 percent increase.

## At First Church Laurel

# 1,000 Students Expected For Annual Convention

Baptist students from 28 colleges and universities all over Mississippi will gather Oct. 15 to 17 at First Baptist Church, Laurel, for the Mississippi Student Convention.

The program will begin on Friday evening when Tom Lester, a native of Laurel who achieved fame through the television show, "Green Acres," will speak on "It Takes Live Christians to Make a Live Church." Some 1,000 Baptist students are expected to register for the convention.

Dennis McCall, a student at Mississippi State University, is the president of the convention and will preside at most of the sessions. The vice-president is Mittlelee Walton, a student at the University of Southern Mississippi; and the secretary is Rose Alldridge of Blue Mountain College.

The Stone Brothers, a singing group of three brothers who are students at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., will be in charge of the music.

The organist will be Chuck Endsley, a student at William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

The theme for the convention will be "Christ's Church Alive."

Sarah Frances Anders, the chairperson of the Department of Sociology at Louisiana College, will speak on Saturday morning on "Christ's Church—Alive in the Community." On Saturday night the speaker will be

Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo. His will be the keynote address with the same title as the theme.

The Sunday morning address will be by C. Penton Williams of the National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. His topic will be "Christ's Church Alive—In All the World."

An additional message will be by Emery Smith of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. On Saturday afternoon he will speak on "Bold Missions—1976-2000 A.D."

On Friday night students in the Laurel area will be led in a theme interpretation by Darrel Baergen, a

member of the staff of First Baptist Church, Laurel. Jim Keith is the host pastor.

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# Japan Baptist Convention Nears Goal; Sets Others

RICHMOND (BP) — With the goal of becoming self-supporting almost obtained, the Japan Baptist Convention is now looking toward other major objectives.

Shuichi Matsumura, a former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and chairman-elect of the Japan Convention, said the convention set a goal five years ago to become self-supporting by January 1977. Except for the convention's seminary, that goal will soon be achieved, according to George H. Hays, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for East Asia.

Now Japanese Baptists are looking in other areas of their work. One goal is to strengthen present churches. Radicalism and the student movements weakened the churches during the late 60's and early 70's, Matsumura said during a visit to the Foreign Mission Board headquarters here. He noted that the average attendance for Baptist churches throughout Japan is 40.

Another main concern involves strengthening the seminary. Yoshikazu Nakajima, executive secretary of the Japan Convention, said during the visit that he fears a shortage of pastors in his country.

With Hays serving as an interpreter, Nakajima estimated that half of Japan's pastors are 40 years old or older and will be retiring before new ones will be trained. At the end of his term as executive secretary, Nakajima will return to the church he served in Osaka for 12 years before he became a convention official.

Another goal — part of the reason for the Japanese leaders' Richmond visit — is to build a closer relationship with Southern Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board.

As the convention nears self-support, the Japan Convention will not break its relationship with Southern Baptists but confirm "a new working relationship," Matsumura said. The relationship is no longer as much fi-



Japanese Baptists Express Appreciation

Two prominent Japanese Baptist leaders visited Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., recently to express gratitude for the support and assistance the Japanese Baptist Convention has been receiving. Shuichi Matsumura (center right), a former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and chairman-elect of the Japan convention and Yoshikazu Nakajima (center left), executive secretary of the Japan convention, told Baker J. Cauthen (right), the board's executive secretary, that their convention was becoming self-supporting but they wanted to continue a close relationship with Southern Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board. George H. Hays (left), the board's area secretary for East Asia, served as an interpreter for the Japanese pastors while they were at the board. (BP) photo by Jim Legg.

nancial as it is two groups of Christians continuing to work together to spread the gospel, he explained.

The Japanese leaders came to emphasize their convention's willingness to work together and to thank Southern Baptists for their support and assistance in the past. Nakajima said he thought personal representation from his convention was the only way to truly express gratitude.

"Japanese churches have been receiving and American churches have been giving," he said. Now, as the Japanese Convention becomes self-supporting, its role will change. It will

be able to do more giving.

Both Nakajima and Matsumura said that Christianity had brought more than a savior to Japan. They said it had had an impact on the way of life, especially in areas of equality for men and women and in education. Matsumura said it had brought an overall freeing spirit, and Nakajima added that it had caused an international consciousness and a breakdown of provincialism.

As a master for 38 years, Matsumura thinks secularism and indifference are the greatest barriers to the gospel in Japan. He said there is a lack of interest in spiritual things. The people are very realistic-thinking people and it is hard for them to think and grasp spiritual concepts, he said.

The Japan Baptist Convention was formed in 1947 with 16 churches and more than 1,000 members, according to "Japan Advances," written by W. Maxfield Garrott, deceased Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, (Convention Press, 1956).

The convention today has 175 churches and more than 23,626 church members, according to Hays.

## Renewal Conference Offers Leader Training

The Lay Renewal Leadership Training Conference scheduled for October 15-16 in Jackson has been designed to meet the increasing demand for qualified leaders, according to Paul Harrell of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department.

"The conference, which will equip lay people to assist churches in their Lay Renewal weekends, will be conducted by qualified Lay Renewal leaders," Harrell said.

Reid Hardin, director of renewal evangelism for the Home Mission Board, will lead conferences for Lay Renewal Weekend coordinators and Lay Youth Team leaders. He will also speak on Friday night concerning "The Journey Into Ministries and Evangelism."

Inspirational speaker for the conference, to be held at the Baptist Building, will be Ras B. Robinson, Jr., president of Pathway Ministries, Ft. Worth, Tex., and a native of Mississippi. His topics will be "The Miracle of Discipleship" and "A Continuing Discipleship." Robinson, author of *Before The Sun Goes Down: The Spiritual Journey of a Layman*, will also lead the conferences for Renewal Weekend consultants and Lay Adult Team leaders.

A special feature, according to Harrell, will be a group dynamics session led by Bill Bangham of Annapolis, Md. Bangham, author of the Lay Renewal book, *Journey Into Small Groups*, and faculty member in the George Washington University Department of Biological Sciences, will lead the entire conference in a practical group experience. "The small group is the exploration phase of Lay Renewal and bases itself on Bible study, prayer, and sharing between members," said Harrell. "Its function is to strengthen and encourage individual members, then work with other small groups to strengthen and encourage the church as a whole."

Conference leaders from Mississippi include Sidney Ellis, Greenville and Mrs. Ernest Gunter, Tupelo. Ellis will conduct the general information session — "What Is Lay Renewal?" Mrs. Gunter will provide leadership for the conference on children's work.

The conference begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15; and at 8:00 a.m. on



Saturday, Oct. 16. Pastors, church staffers and lay persons are invited to participate.

## Education Ministers Teach Uniform Work

Leading adult Convention Uniform materials conferences at the Bible Teaching/Learning Conventions will be three Mississippi Baptist church ministers of education.

Bill Hardy of First Baptist Church, Columbus, will be leading at the Oct. 19, convention at First Baptist Church, Grenada.

Farrell Blankenship of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, will be leading at the Oct. 21, convention at Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. And David Hulsey of Main Street Baptist Church,



Hattiesburg, will be leading at the Oct. 22, convention at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Gulfport.

Texts for the Uniform series, written by Southern Baptists, are based on Scripture passages which are being studied simultaneously by a number of other Christian groups.

## Preaching Gospel In Rhodesia

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extended in friendly fashion — open, smiling, and courteous in manner.

Jesus Christ was our common Lord. The barriers of race, culture, language were transcended through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rhodesia has 65 churches with almost 13,000 Baptists. The preaching of the Gospel at 150 other preaching points is giving opportunity for many others to say 'yes' to Jesus Christ.

How much longer will Southern Baptists be able to proclaim the Gospel in Rhodesia? No one knows — but I am certain that a base is there that God will continue to use. Southern Baptists helped lay the foundation.

Sanyati... Katsuro... Muju... Renje... Lozane — no longer are these just letters! For me they are places where I discovered kinfolk — kind people — related to me as members of the "household of faith."

Preaching in Rhodesia or where you are is a life and death experience. Those who respond to the good news discover life. Those who refuse grace are separated from life.

## Baptist Training Day Begins Nov. 11

(Continued from page 1) and Feeding of Youth Choirs, Accompanists-Hymn Playing, and General Children's Leadership-Musical Experiences with the Autoharp.

Those attending Training Day should secure course books in advance from the Baptist Book Store.

Overflow facilities have been made available at First Baptist Church, Jackson.

At the 1977 Mississippi Baptist Convention, recognition will be given to the church receiving the highest number of Leadership Diplomas determined on a ratio basis.

Future dates for Training Day at the Baptist Building are: Feb. 3, 1977; May 5, 1977, and Aug. 4, 1977.

For further information, contact Judd Allen, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff, who is serving as chairman of the church study course promotion committee.

## SBTS Adds Lester To Faculty Post

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Andrew D. Lester, director of the department of pastoral care and the school of pastoral care of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, has been named associate professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

A graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, Lester has held his current post since 1971. He also serves as visiting lecturer in religion for the graduate school of Wake Forest University and visiting professor of pastoral care at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Lester is the author or editor of three books and has written a number of articles for several periodicals. He is a former pastor and minister to youth at churches in Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky.

The Coral Gables, Fla., native will assume his teaching duties at Southern Seminary in the spring semester. His appointment brings to nine the number of new faculty members added during this academic year.

## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Minneapolis (RNS) — William A. Reed, Jr., religious editor of the Nashville Tennessee, has become the first black reporter and the first Southerner to be chosen president of the Religion Newswriters Association since it was founded in 1948.

Minneapolis (RNS) — The American Indian Movement (AIM) has been given \$15,000 by the program to combat racism of the World Council of Churches (WCC).

Minneapolis (RNS) — A proposed \$100 million capital funds campaign for the mission needs of the Episcopal Church won approval from the Church's General Convention here.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — With court permission, the parents of a 22-year-old member of the Unification Church have removed him from the influence of the denomination. According to one report, Carl Kent Trimble was being deprogrammed by five persons in the Washington, D. C., area.

Liverpool (RNS) — Strife — torn Northern Ireland's women's peace movement spread to England as 5,000 Roman Catholic and Protestant women turned out for a rally here and urged an end to terrorism and killing in Ulster.

Dublin (RNS) — Delegates to the 13th World Methodist Council and Conference expressed deep concern over "the increasing intimidation of men and women who speak out their Christian conviction on social issues." They adopted a resolution urging Christians everywhere to "maintain the prophetic calling of the church... with a view to saving the world from the sin of suppressing conscience or the depriving of human beings their God-given inalienable rights."

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Soon

after all men "accept one Messiah," the Kingdom of God will come to earth, South Korean preacher Sun Myung Moon promised an estimated 50,000 persons here at his last scheduled public appearance in the United States. Jesus Christ was mentioned as the Messiah who came to Israel, but Moon described Him as unsuccessful in that role since Judaism failed to recognize and work with Him. Christ's failure to unify the world 2,000 years ago meant that the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth was delayed, he told the throng on the Washington Monument grounds.

Rome (RNS) — Food aid valued at \$35 million will be given to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam by the World Food Program.

Miami (RNS) — Clarence M. Kelley, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told a media seminar on organized crime and police intelligence here that legalized gambling could increase the crime rate.

Boston (RNS) — Restoration of the death penalty "for deliberate pre-meditated murder" was supported by 67 per cent of the Massachusetts public in a recent poll conducted by Becker Research Corporation here.

Augusta, Me. (RNS) — The Christian Civic League of Maine has called for repeal of the Maine State Lottery on the grounds that it is "still picking the pockets of the poor — the people it was supposed to help."

St. Louis (RNS) — Officials of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis said here that "underground" Latin Masses celebrated here by visiting traditionalist Catholic priests are "valid but illicit." The Masses are authentic, but participation in them violates Church laws, a spokesman explained.

## College Caught Between HEW and S.C. Baptists

(Continued from page 1) government loans or grants to house the department of religion, the Courier said.

That response pleases Hamrick and members of the college trustees, who have been trying to raise funds for several months for erection of a college chapel with classroom and office space to house the religion department.

In an editorial accompanying his report, Roberts said it would not be proper to criticize either HEW or the college for the dilemma. He said HEW is "operating under good laws designed to protect our rights" — laws "written at the insistence of Baptists... (who) do not want tax-money used to promote sectarian teaching." And, he said, the college reported every loan to South Carolina Baptists, who

approved them, although concern was voiced on each occasion about restrictions.

He urged convention action to give the college the facilities it needs for unhampered teaching and worship.

During its investigation, HEW visited classrooms, student convocations, faculty offices. They studied course descriptions and the professors' lecture notes, examined the teachers' personal libraries, and listened to recordings of class lectures.

The courses of study in question were Old Testament Survey (Religion 111), New Testament Survey (Religion 112), Life of Paul (Religion 220), and Biblical Doctrine of Man (Religion 421).

The professors were J. Walter Carpenter, then department head; Rembert Truluck, associate professor;

## Pastors To Discuss Own Experiences And Skills

NASHVILLE — Helping pastors turn past experience into leadership strengths for the future will be one of the primary objectives of a special seminar here Nov. 8-12.

The Improving Pastoral Leadership Skills Seminar, coordinated by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board, has been planned especially for pastors with six or more years experience.

The five-day seminar, the first of its kind, will be held in the board's Church Program Training Center.

"The pastor's greatest information source for personal growth is his own experience," explains Ernest E. Mosley, supervisor of the church administration department's pastoral section. "Yet most of us fail to get insights from our experiences because we are unable to back off and look at them."

The leadership skills seminar, says Mosley, "is designed to help pastors look at their six or more years of pastoral experience and get insights that will help them do a better job in the years ahead."

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss individual situations during the seminar, which will cover such topics as motivating people in Christian service; understanding and handling conflict and working with people in the context of the church.

Time management, planning and delegation of responsibility also will be discussed.

The featured guest for the seminar will be Lee Prince, pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. During his ministry, Prince has led his church in analyzing its effectiveness in the community and planning a variety

of ministry approaches, according to Mosley.

Persons interested in attending the seminar should write to the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

Registration cost is \$30, and participants will be responsible for their own meals and lodging.

## Resident Missionary Joins Stewardship Staff From Brazil

(Continued from page 1)

Porter, a native of Meridian, Miss. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and Southwestern Seminary. Upon graduation from the seminary he was called as pastor of the Toombs and Kewanee churches in Lauderdale Association. After two years in these pastures the Trots were appointed in 1957 by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries to North Brazil. Before becoming the executive secretary of the Paraiba Baptist Convention he held the same position with the Sergipe Baptist Convention in Brazil for 10 years.

Trott joined the Stewardship Department staff on Oct. 1.

The Trott family is living in the missionary home furnished by First Baptist Church of Clinton. There are four children. Two of them, Debbie and John, are students at Mississippi College. Mary is attending Clinton High School, and Paul is in the fourth grade.

"We are not restricted in our purposes as a Christian college," Hamrick insists. "We can teach the whole Bible, as freely and fully as it is possible to teach, with no restrictions, as long as it is taught as an academic subject. This is in line with our purpose, as stated in the catalog. This purpose has been published by us and reported to the South Carolina Baptist Convention from the beginning of the college."

"We believe this is the way Baptists want the Bible taught," Hamrick continued, "thoroughly and academically. This method and right have been substantiated by the HEW committee which investigated and found Winberry's teaching acceptable."

# Mississippi Baptist Convention Proposed Budget 1977

## INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

Christian Education  
Christian Education Capt. Needs  
Miss. Baptist Medical Center  
210 Alcoholic Treatment Center  
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229 Historical Commission  
289 Miss. Baptist Seminary

INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES		ADMINISTRATION — PROMOTION	
\$1,512,000	300,000	388 Promotion and Misc.	3,000
50,000	20,000	389 Public Relations	10,000
45,000	55,000	390 Convention Sessions	12,000
165,000	391 Convention Annual, Diary, etc.	22,000	
47,500	392 Convention Bd. & Comm. Mtgs.	17,000	
65,767	393 Executive Secretary-Treasurer	94,060	
20,799	394 Business Office	112,028	
69,176	395 Special Program Promotion	16,082	
	397 Exec. Secretary Emeritus	3,600	
SUB-TOTAL	2,425,242	SUB-TOTAL	289,700
			5,712,000
		S STATE CAUSES GRAND TOTAL	
		S B C CAUSES	
		400* Southern Baptist Convention	2,688,000
		GRAND TOTAL ALL CAUSES	8,400,000

## BOARD PROGRAMS

343 Gulfshore Capt. Needs  
344 Student Center Capt. Needs  
345 Baptist Building Capt. Needs  
347 WATS Lines  
349 Assemblies & Retreat Programming  
350 Program Director  
355 Youth Night  
361 Church Administration  
362 Church Architecture  
364 W M U (Operational)  
367 Sunday School  
368 Church Training  
369 Brotherhood  
370 Church Music  
371 Student Work  
372 Coop. Min. with Nat. Bapt.  
373 Evangelism  
374 Cooperative Missions  
375 Stewardship & Coop. Prog. Prom  
376 Subsidies to Associations  
377 Church-Minister Relations  
378 General Services (includes Bldg. Maint.  
Bldg. Serv. & basic Telephone charge)  
380 Baptist Record  
384 Sanatorium Ministry  
385 Annuity Participation  
387 Soc. Sec. & Insurance (Board)

200,000	200,000	RICHMOND (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries in 84 countries have submitted requests to the Foreign Mission Board for 1,330 new missionaries to reinforce, replace, and begin new work in 1977. The most pressing need is for more "preacher" missionaries, according to board officials.
100,000	100,000	The requests topped last year's number by more than 100. Of the 1,217 missionaries requested for 1976, only 194 had been appointed at the end of September, according to Louis R. Cobbs, secretary of the board's department of missionary personnel.
148,200	148,200	The annual meeting held recently to review the 1977 missionary situation was directed by Cobbs and attended by staff members of the board's overseas division and the department of missionary personnel, including the four regional personnel representatives.
40,000	40,000	The regional representatives, located in Louisville, New Orleans, Kansas City, and Fort Worth, will take the requests back to area churches and nearby seminaries to challenge persons who are interested in missionary service.
61,249	61,249	Of the 1,330 requests for 1977, 42 percent were for general evangelists — a "preacher" missionary who works with pastors, trains church leaders, plants churches and mission points, helps establish churches grow, and promotes church and denominational programs. General evangelism is one of 45 job categories for 1977.
4,600	4,600	Other top priorities include requests for 36 physicians, 34 nurses, nine dentists, 16 secondary education teachers, and 14 college teachers.
49,674	49,674	The emphasis on general evangelists is consistent with the traditional thrust of the Foreign Mission Board and with the bold strategy of advance projected for the next 25 years, Cobbs said, referring to the board's goal to double the missionary force during the next 25 years. "Some missions have not been able to make bold plans for the next 25 years due to the immediacy of personnel needs at hand," Cobbs said.
24,384	24,384	The success of the general evangelist allows the work of the specialist missionary to be effective, according to Cobbs. He said it also makes possible the missionary associate and missionary journeyman programs.
162,659	162,659	Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division, has encouraged the board's mission support division to develop a strategy for reaching prospective general evangelists. He called for at least a 50 percent increase during the coming year.
132,144	132,144	According to Crawley, certain areas are more critical than others. "In recent years, East Asia has been reinforced with fewer missionary evangelists than any other area," Crawley said.
141,128	141,128	Over the past few years, East Asia (Hong Kong, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan) has received only about five couples appointed for general evangelism — the least of any of the board's eight administrative areas.
101,482	101,482	Citing an example, George H. Hays, secretary for East Asia, said, "There have been no new missionaries ap-
102,823	102,823	pointed for Korea in two years and this is one of the most responsive areas of the world. The number of churches organized and the number of professions of faith recorded in Korea has been phenomenal.
303,882	303,882	"Out of the first six requests from the Korea Mission, four are for general evangelists. The freedom to evangelize Korea is almost without limit for the general evangelist. Each evangelist missionary helps develop pastors and church leaders in 30 or 40 churches."
49,878	49,878	Eight Couples
58,222	58,222	Hays related that eight cities in Japan with populations of more than 200,000 are without a Southern Baptist missionary presence to assist in evangelism and church development. Japan has requested eight couples to work in general evangelism, but Hays said the missionaries limited the requests to eight only because they didn't think it was realistic to ask for more than that.
172,075	172,075	"The Pete Gillespies, the only Southern Baptist missionaries in Osaka, Japan, are due for retirement this year, leaving a city of 5 million people without any Southern Baptist missionary living within the city limits," Hays said.
108,100	108,100	The top three requests in Taiwan are for general evangelists, including a request for an urban evangelist in the industrial city of Kaohsiung, where tens of thousands of people are concentrated in high rise apartment complexes.
95,000	95,000	East Asia's need for more missionaries is great, but many other areas include needs equally as urgent.
41,507	41,507	William R. Wakefield, secretary of Southeast Asia, recently reported an overall responsiveness to the gospel in his area and a sense of urgency on the part of missionaries to reach the area while there is such keen opportunity.
SUB-TOTAL	2,996,988	"In Thailand, the country immediately surrounded by countries that have recently become communist, there is a focus by both nationals and missionaries on the opportunity afforded by the threat to the country by communist aggression," Wakefield said.

## District Youth Music Festivals Begin Nov. 6

District Youth Music Festivals will get underway Nov. 6. These festivals are sponsored annually by the Church Music Department in various locations in the state.

The Northeast District Festival will be held at the First Baptist Church, New Albany, on Nov. 6. On that day also the Southwest Festival will be held at the Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

On Nov. 13 the Northwest District Festival will be held at the First Baptist Church of Greenwood, and the Southeast District Festival will be at the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

There will be performance and adjudication opportunities for junior high, senior high, and mixed choirs and ensembles; and vocal soloists, vocal groups, and song leaders will be given an opportunity to participate, according to Dan Hall, Church Music Department director. All superior winners in all categories will be invited to the state music festival, to be held this year on Dec. 4 at the Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson.

Churches are categorized according to resident membership, so that choirs and ensembles may be grouped in comparable sizes. Adjudication is based upon individual performances

and no ranking of choirs is done. Additional information on the festivals is found on pages 3-11 of the Mississippi Baptist Festival Handbook, Hall pointed out.

The Anthem Service has notified the Church Music Department that "A Canticle of Peace" on the Category A listing is not available. Anyone desiring that number should consider one of the two-part anthems on the same list, he said.

Registration deadlines for choral groups, song leaders, and soloists are Oct. 22 for the Nov. 6 festivals and Oct. 29 for the Nov. 13 festivals.

### J. M. Metts, Sr. Dies At Winona

Rev. J. M. Metts Sr., retired Baptist minister living in Winona, died Oct. 4 in a Winona hospital. He was 85.

Funeral services were held Oct. 6 at First Church, Winona, with Rev. John Green officiating. Rev. Green is formerly of Winona and is now with the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Rev. David Pratt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winona, assisted in the services.

Rev. Metts is survived by his wife, Maggie Lee Suggett Metts, of Winona. One son survives. He is Rev. James M. Metts Jr. of Bradenton, Fla. Three daughters are Mrs. Frances Lee Dickerson and Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Eubanks of Jackson and Mrs. Mary Evelyn Owen of Clarksdale. There are three grandchildren.

There are three brothers. They are Rev. Ira Metts of Goodman, Rev. Dewey Metts of Ocean Springs, and Brooks Metts of Jackson, Tenn. One sister is Mrs. E. W. Holmes of Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. Metts was a member of First Church, Winona.

### Prayer Lift For Pastors: October 10-16

#### Tate

Oct. 10  
H. R. Caldwell, Mt. Manna  
Roy Myers, Mt. Zion  
Kenneth Bradley, New Garden  
Robert Jenkins, New Hope  
Lee Hopper, Sarah  
Oct. 11  
John Flowers, Senatobia, First  
Cecil Cole, Strayhorn  
Don Stanfill, Tyro  
Russell Scruggs, Wyatte

#### Tippah

James Lewis, Academy  
Oct. 12  
Doyle Petty, Chalybeate  
Larry Harrison, Community  
Robert Walker, Concord  
Bill Baker, Dumas  
Billy Foley, Falkner

#### Oct. 13

Dwight Massengill, Fellowship  
Ron Mitchell, Harmony  
Rickey Glidewell, Lebanon  
Donald Byers, Macedonia  
W. B. Colter, Mt. Hebron

#### Oct. 14

Chris Hall, Mt. Olive  
Tommy Goode, Oakland  
Randy Isbell, Peoples  
Randy Bostick, Pine Grove  
Danny Sparks, Pleasant Hill

#### Oct. 15

Eugene Walden, Providence  
Harris Counce, Ripley, First  
James Moore, Shady Grove  
Earl Floyd, Tiplersville  
Hyman Hatcher, Unity

#### Oct. 16

Jackie Yow, Walnut  
Danny Stephens, West Ripley  
Wayne Marshall, Whittenburg  
H. C. Smart, North Ripley

#### Tishomingo

Harold Holly, Bethlehem



### SBC Agencies Join Efforts

SBC Agencies Join Efforts — Ernest E. Mosley (left), supervisor of the pastoral section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department, presents a copy of "The Evangelistic Church" to the book's author, John Havlik (right), and a copy of "The Evangelistic Church: Flip Chart and Teaching Guide" to C. B. Hogue. Havlik is director of the department of evangelism development and Hogue is director of the evangelism section at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The materials were produced by the Sunday School Board as a part of a cooperative effort by the two agencies to develop resources and promotion for the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention emphasis on Growth Evangelism.

Thursday, October 7, 1976.

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Church literature order centers, which will allow persons to preview actual copies of periodicals, comprise one phase of a special pilot project implemented in selected Baptist Book Stores across the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Jackson Book Store Set For Pilot Project

NASHVILLE — A pilot project to display and promote church literature products has been implemented at selected Baptist Book Stores across the Southern Baptist Convention.

The test project, which began Sept. 1, involves the placement of church literature order centers in six book stores and newsstand type displays also in six stores.

The literature order center has been designed to allow persons to preview and inspect church literature before placing orders, according to Ron Martin, promotional materials coordinator of the promotion materials section at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The center includes more than 150 actual copies of selected products, along with pictures and descriptions of other items.

Baptist Book Store locations for the second test project features selected literature which is being offered at single copy prices in displays similar to newsstands. Available products include "Home Life," "Sunday School Lesson Illustrator," "Open Window," "Living With Preschoolers," "Student," "Event" and "Encounter."

Baptist Book Store locations for the second project are Houston; Kansas City; Louisville; Greensboro, N.C.; Jacksonville, Fla.; and the Lifeway Book Store in Jackson, Miss.

The special projects, which are jointly coordinated by the Sunday School Board's church services and materials division, will be studied after one year's operation to determine future proposals.

## Confidentiality Between Pastors-Members Protected

Effective July 1, Senate Bill No. 2427 became law. It is described as "an act to extend the right of privileged communications between persons seeking spiritual counsel and the clergyman with whom such communication is sought." The bill reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the emotional, mental and spiritual health of many of our citizens depends upon the free and confidential access to their clergyman or spiritual advisers; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi:

Section 1. (1) As used in this act:

(a) A "clergyman" is a minister, priest, rabbi, or other similar functionary of a church, religious organization, or religious denomination.

(b) A communication is "confidential" if made privately and not intended for further disclosure except in furtherance of the purpose of the communication.

(2) A person has a privilege to refuse to disclose and to prevent another from disclosing a confidential communication by the person to a clergyman in his professional character as spiritual adviser.

(3) The privilege may be claimed by the person, by his guardian or conservator, or by his personal representative if he is deceased. The clergyman shall claim the privilege on behalf of the person unless the privilege is waived.

(4) A clergyman's secretary, stenographer or clerk shall not be examined without the consent of the clergyman concerning any fact, the knowledge of which was acquired in such capacity.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1976.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, in commenting upon the bill, said, "This act is the result of a culmination of a considerable amount of effort on the part of a large number of interested laymen and clergymen of all faiths, as well as the legislators when they understood the intent and purpose of the bill."

Dr. Hensley added that Section 1 (4) is a very wise provision. "While very few clergymen find it necessary to keep notes on confidential matters," he stated, "sometimes letters have to be written to follow up conferences with members, and this provision is in keeping with the concept of confidentiality."

Take A Bold Step In World Missions Support!

By James L. Powell  
SBC Stewardship Commission

Think about it! Is your church planning to take a bold step in world missions support this fall? October, Cooperative Program Month, is an opportune time to make this decision.

"Bold Believers in Giving" is the Convention-wide Cooperative Program theme for this year. This has been an effort to lead Southern Baptists to an even greater awareness of the mission needs of the world and to challenge them to respond boldly through a greater involvement in mission giving.

Churches in Mississippi are being challenged to increase their budget gifts through the Cooperative Program by at least one-half of one percent of the total church budget income and to increase associational mission giving in keeping with the amount suggested by each association. The association and state conventions work together as a team. It takes each one

doing its part to carry out our mission task. People in your association and state, as well as people around the world, await your church's response to the challenge of Bold Believers in Giving.

Sunday,

# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### Judged Worthy Of Support

A study of the Cooperative Program was concluded in August; and the results were presented to Southern Baptist Executive Committee members, state executive secretaries, state editors, and others attending a promotion conference conducted by the SBC Stewardship Commission in conjunction with the Executive Committee meeting last month.

To obtain information for the study the Research Services Department of the Sunday School Board conducted a survey among a random selection of pastors, Sunday School directors, WMU directors, deacon chairman, and stewardship chairman and treasurers across the Southern Baptist Convention.

October is Cooperative Program month, and a look at some of the results of the survey should prove interesting.

The questions to be examined by the survey were these:

How do Southern Baptists feel about the Cooperative Program? What image do they have of the Cooperative Program? To what extent do Southern Baptists know the purpose of the Cooperative Program? What do Southern Baptists know about the process of developing and adopting state and SBC Cooperative Program budgets, the administrative costs of the Cooperative Program, the causes supported by the Cooperative Program, and the history of the Cooperative Program?

The report consumed 97 pages, so only a brief glimpse at the total is possible.

Those responding were reported to have a positive overall image of the Cooperative Program. They seemed to feel that it is important, valuable, practical, and desirable. Older persons tended to have a more positive image of the Cooperative Program and knew more about it than younger persons. Younger persons were faithful in their support, how-

ever. This would seem to be a positive indication. As those of the younger generations grow older and their knowledge of the purpose of the Cooperative Program grows, their interest and support will grow to an even greater degree.

In addition, those responding to the survey tended to have positive attitudes concerning the Cooperative Program. They felt that money given through the Cooperative Program is used for missions and that there are ministries in addition to foreign missions which deserve major support through the Cooperative Program. They tended to feel that the Cooperative Program helps Southern Baptists see the total perspective and respond to all of these ministries. They feel that Cooperative Program giving should not hurt the local church situation.

The respondents seemed to be aware of the purpose of the Cooperative Program. They saw it as being missions, spreading the gospel, churches working together to accomplish the spread of the gospel, and providing an equitable distribution of funds among agencies and causes.

The process of developing and adopting a Cooperative Program budget was less well known. The pastors were the most knowledgeable. There was not a high degree of knowledge concerning the present division of Cooperative Program funds between state and SBC causes; and, again, pastors seemed to be the most informed.

There was not a great deal of knowledge about the cost of administering the Cooperative Program at the SBC level. The average estimate of the pastors was 10.3 percent, but this is somewhat higher than the estimates of the true cost. The pastors' estimates were lower on the average than those of the other groups.

It is difficult to determine the actual administrative cost for the

Cooperative Program. The total Southern Baptist Convention operating budget, however, is 1 percent of the total Cooperative Program income on the SBC level. This includes the costs of the Executive Committee operations, the costs of the annual convention, and other costs determined to be overhead.

There was also a lack of knowledge concerning what agencies receive Cooperative Program funds at the SBC level and how much the different agencies get. On the other hand, there was some degree of knowledge regarding the time and purpose of the establishment of the Cooperative Program.

The encouraging aspect of the entire study and report is that while there are some areas where knowledge is not great, there is still a solid support for the ministry of the Cooperative Program. The images held of the Cooperative Program and the attitudes toward it are positive and healthy. The purpose is pretty well known. These are the main things. The mechanics are not so well known, but the people are more interested in the ministry than in the mechanics.

The lack of knowledge in mechanics can be gradually eliminated, and this paper will attempt to do its share in aiding that effort. The Baptist Record is 100 percent in support of the Cooperative Program and the ministry it performs in stretching arms of support all around the world. Whatever we can do to enhance that concept and that ministry, we pledge ourselves to do to the best of our

ability.

Some of the mechanics of the program might be hard to keep in mind because of changing percentages in division and because of complicated methods of seeking to determine that each cause gets its fair share. The ministry and the purpose remain the same, however, and that is what people understand and support.

### "Send Forth Laborers"

During the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee it was reported that seminary enrollment for the six Southern Baptist theological institutions has reached an all-time high.

Immediately following the committee meeting the editors of the state Baptist papers were invited to Richmond to visit the Foreign Mission Board for a day and an evening of listening and questioning. One of the main themes coming out of the dialogs between missions executives and editors was that a record number of missionaries are being requested by the foreign mission fields.

Many of the requests are for general evangelists, for preaching missionaries. We send missionaries over in a number of occupations because of the help that they can be to nationals in their field, but more and more requests are coming for preachers to share the gospel with the many who are eager to hear and who the other missionaries don't have opportunity to contact in their work.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, says this is no accident and that God is preparing a corps of workers in record numbers to share the gospel on a scale never known

before. He asks who knows what might be possible in China among its great masses of people with the changing of political leadership there. His interest there is understandable. China was his field of endeavor during his days as a missionary overseas.

Signs point to a new day in witnessing. When it comes, the Cooperative Program will be a primary instrument in meeting the challenges that present themselves. It is helping to prepare the workers now. It will help to support them when preparation is over and the work begins.

### Letters To The Editor

### The Bible In Public Schools

Dear Sir:  
In the Baptist Record of September 23 Mr. Archie C. Ashley of Hazlehurst, Mississippi had a letter in regard to the necessity of private schools. The purpose of this letter is not to take issue with him on the merits or demerits of private and public schools.

There was one question in Mr. Ashley's letter to which this letter is addressed. The question was: "What public school offers Bible to high school students?" There are several schools in the state that are now offering Bible, and there seems to be a new interest in teaching Bible in more schools.

I would like to mention one public school which has had Bible taught since 1965 and today has a full-time Bible teacher who is a regularly employed teacher, like all the other teachers in the system. I refer to Pearl High School in Pearl, Mississippi. The reason I am so familiar with that situation is that I was the teacher of that course the first ten years it was offered.

Mr. E. L. Perritt, present superintendent of education in Rankin County, was principal at Pearl High School and took the initiative in getting Bible placed into the curriculum.

During the years that I taught Bible at Pearl, countless people have said to me: "I did

not know that Bible could be taught in a public school." The only thing necessary is an administration that is interested in the spiritual lives of students and is willing to pay a qualified teacher. I could mention some other

schools that offer Bible, but will not ask for the space to do so.

C. L. Boland  
3283 Patterson Drive  
Pearl, Mississippi

### Convicted By Teenager's Testimony

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in hopes one certain girl will read it. I was visiting in Jackson about a month ago and I attended a Wednesday night prayer meeting at a local Baptist church. The speaker was a teenage girl who had been born Jewish but had accepted Christ. She gave a flawless and beautiful testimony of what Christ meant in her life. As I listened I felt convicted but I considered myself a Christian already. But her thoughts and beliefs stuck in my mind and I went home and discussed it with my husband. We aren't very educated people but we studied on it as best we could and then we both accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. We have never been happier and we shared it with both sets of parents. They came,

too, to know Christ.

I wanted to write this because the girl said that one of the greatest prayers in her heart was that her parents and brother and sister might be saved and come to know Christ. Well even if they never do, her belief and her strength has brought six people to Christ who would have never been saved. For this we are forever grateful to her and to Him. I wish everyone had the opportunity to hear her. She would be a blessing to all. I pray she reads this and knows Christ is working miracles through her. He worked one on us!

Prayerfully,  
Mrs. Jane Paige and family  
Ackerman, MS

Amen! — Editor



### —October— Cooperative Program Month

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### Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Did you ever, when you were little, dig a hole and think if you could just keep digging long enough you'd come out in China? My fourth grade geography book was called *Around the World with the Children*. I think its colorful, intriguing pictures of China and of "the islands of Japan" were responsible for my intense desire to find out what was on the other side of the globe.

Then when I was in GA and the mission magazine was called *World Comrades*, I saw a picture of Mt. Fuji in Japan and decided, "Some day I am going to see that snow-capped peak."

In 1970 I went to Hong Kong, and from there to Tokyo to the congress of the Baptist World Alliance. From my tenth floor window at the Hotel Tokyo Prince, I searched for Mt. Fuji, but the smog was too thick. I ascended Tokyo Tower (a copy of the Eiffel), but the view of the mountains was no better.

Travel folders in the hotel lobby advertised a bus tour to Lake Hakone and Mt. Fuji for 7200 yen. Pat Elkins of Jackson and I decided that we would take the tour, in spite of a warning from Pat Tullio Newton that we would probably not see the mountaintop. "We went on the tour last week," she said, "And could see nothing but fog."

On the bus a petite Japanese beauty, Saiko Takasugi, announced that she would be our guide. She gave us a brief but enthusiastic lesson in Japanese: "ohayo" is good morning; "arigato" is thank you; and you count from one to ten by saying "ichi, ni, san, shi, go, roku, shichi, hachi, ku, ju."

"Mt. Fuji is 12,397 feet high," she said, "and is the most popularly climbed mountain in the country. The volcano erupted first over 100,000

years ago. Its last eruption was in 1707. I am sorry that you have come at the wrong season to see our most beautiful mountain. Autumn or winter would be a better time to see it. Usually it is visible only five days in July, for this is the rainy season."

When we stopped for a boat cruise on Lake Hakone, we were swallowed up in a swirling world of white mist. Then as we neared the acres of unexplored forests of *jukai* or "sea trees" that grow at the base of the mountain, Saiko said, "Today it looks as if you will be disappointed. I think you will not see it."

It was a little thing, and probably selfish, but I wanted very much to see the top of that mountain, and I didn't know when I'd be on that side of the world again. I knew that the Lord made the mountains and I knew that he could lift the fog. Had not Jesus said, "Have faith in God... Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith?" Silently I asked Him to let the sun pierce the mist, even for just a little while.

We had not gone a mile down the road when the guide pointed out the window: "Look, look! The fog is gone! You can see the top of the mountain!" High above the forest, streaks of snow glistened along the majestic crown of the old volcano. Saiko was astonished. I wasn't surprised. Just grateful.

God is a living God who hears even our smallest prayer. He reigns over heaven and earth. Yet at the same time, in fatherly love and tender concern, He numbers the hairs of His children. He listens to their smallest petitions.

### Book Reviews

### Evangelism Book Stresses Vision

THE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH by John F. Haviland, Convention Press; 119 pages; paperback; \$1.45.

The Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board and the Department of Evangelism Development in the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board have worked together on an emphasis on growth evangelism for the 1976-77 church year. The author of the resulting book says the book is not a book on methods. It is a theology of an evangelistic church, he declares.

Its table of contents reveals that the book discusses What Is Evangelism?, The Evangelistic Church, A Theology for an Evangelistic Church, The Evangelistic Church in Ministry, A Strategy for Growing an Evangelistic Church, and The Evangelistic Church Organized and Functioning.

WHERE ACTION IS by Andy Anderson with Eugene Skelton; Broadman Press; 158 pages; \$4.95.

This is an account of some of the events leading up to and surrounding the initiation of the ACTION at Riverside Baptist Church in Fort Myers, Fla., where Anderson, as pastor, conceived the plan and put it into action. It also gives practical advice on entering the ACTION plan in any church and presents testimonies of its effectiveness and practicality.

The results of ACTION were so great and the demand for help in implementing the plan were so numerous that the Sunday School Board now has placed Anderson on the staff to promote ACTION full-time.

the reading of Bible stories when she was a child in China. Each story combines the flavor of history with the excitement of modern fiction so famous in Miss Buck's novels. Written in the language of today, these stories are for readers of all ages.

A GIFT OF LOVE by Gail Magruder; A. J. Holman Co., Philadelphia and New York; 100 pages; \$6.95.

This is the story of how Jeb Stuart Magruder became involved in the Watergate affair and how his testimony was used to arrive at the truth of the situation. It tells of the life of his wife and children while he was in prison and his adjustment to live after his release. It is an account of how Christian faith sustained the entire family during trying times and helped the family to find their way together again when the trial was over.

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# Teaching Missions Will Be Big WMU Push

Southern Baptists are rolling up their sleeves to get a big dose of missions education.

A three-year round of inoculations will begin October 1, when Woman's Missionary Union begins pumping its emphasis on teaching missions.

"Injecting new life into the study of missions is the best way WMU can certify the Southern Baptist Convention's bold mission strategies," says Carolyn Weatherford, WMU Executive director.

So the casual church member who usually thinks of missions only at Christmas and Easter is likely to find himself in a missions book club, in a missions reading contest, or studying a missions book.

## Enrollment Goes Beyond 2,000 At William Carey

The fall semester enrollment at William Carey College is 2041, according to an announcement made today by Sarah Emerson, registrar.

"This is the first time," commented Mrs. Emerson, "we have had two thousand students enrolled in any one semester, and the total represents a 16% increase over the fall semester enrollment last year."

William Carey College has three main campuses located in Hattiesburg, New Orleans and Gulfport, plus extension classes at several places across south and central Mississippi. The separate campus and extension class enrolments are as follows:

Hattiesburg—1085; New Orleans—220; Gulf Coast—561; Clarke College—15; Raleigh—32; Other—128.

"We are proud of our enrollment record," commented Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., academic vice-president. "In a day of declining private college enrollments, William Carey College is a unique case study. We are the second largest of the private colleges of Mississippi and we have been the state's

"WMU is going to give mission study the image it deserves. Mission study is eye-opening, life-changing, entertaining, and absolutely basic to Christian living, personally and in the church," she told WMU Staff in a recent meeting.

Miss Weatherford promised that WMU-sponsored mission study will be staged in new ways for better quality learning and wider participation.

For the next twelve months, while the SBC emphasis is "Let the Church Stand Up," WMU will have this theme: "Teach Missions to Know, to Grow."

"To Know, to Grow" stresses personal and church development through the study of the biblical basis

and history of missions.

When the SBC has a two-year round of special projects under "Let the Church Reach Out—Bold Missions," WMU themes will be "Teach Missions to Be, to Do," and "Teach Missions Boldly." Projects in these years will sign up men and women for short-term mission study groups, for prayer retreats, and for other churchwide missions information blitzes.

Already WMU has launched the Round Table Book Club. In cooperation with Baptist Book Store Division of the Sunday School Board, WMU is promoting the missions book club to get missions reading systematically into the hands of Southern Baptists.

The first quarterly mailing of Round Table Book Club selections went to more than 3,000 persons. The majority of subscribers are WMU members who are in Baptist Women book discussion groups. Others include pastors and women who are not regular WMU participants.

Book stores will offer three books a quarter to club members at a discount. The first selections included books on Ecuador missions, Bangladesh missions, and witnessing.

WMU will urge its officers to promote study of the Foreign and Home Mission-Graded Series churchwide. That means that twice a year, the entire church membership will have an opportunity for a concentrated study of a missions book.

Next February, during WMU Focus Week, WMU will invite all church members to sign up for a Missions Readathon. Promoting a little friendly competition, WMU officers will encourage Baptists to read a varied slate of missions books and magazines for a year. Awards will be presented to winners in 1978.

Meanwhile, in WMU organizations of all ages, the business of teaching missions to 1.2 million members will not be as usual. WMU's eight magazines will be loaded with missions quizzes, and incentives for individual missions learning, along with the usual stories and studies.

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### Winging South

Winter is winging our way, chasing these geese south. (RNS Photo by J. Charles Gardner)

## New Baptist Union Is Constituted In Ten Latin American Countries

COCHABAMBA, Bolivia (BP) — Representatives of 10 Baptist groups in Latin America formed a Latin American Baptist Union during a constitution assembly here in September.

The assembly produced a constitution and proclamations that call for evangelization of South America and the world, cooperation and fellowship among South American Baptists, and fraternal relations with missionary

representatives from Baptists outside the continent.

V. Carney Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1970-75, represented the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) at the UBLA organization meeting. Both the BWA and the UBLA constitutions state that close relations will be maintained between such organizations.

South American countries represented at the meeting were Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina.

The constitution states that the UBLA assembly will meet every three years and that its executive committee will meet annually. The headquarters city will be designated later, said Hargroves.

## Migrant Mission Field Is Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

By Celeste Loucks

ATLANTA, Ga.—The typical family seated around the dining room table is usually too far removed from the hot, dusty fields to think about it, but 75 percent of all produce in their plates is harvested by human hands.

"Look at those cans of Jolly Green Giant, Van Camp and Heinz," said a man who works with farm laborers. "The food we take for granted wouldn't be there if it weren't for this source of labor."

An estimated 425,000 migrants still climb in their red pickups or trailers—and hit the highways. Almost half of them originate in Texas, and in the spring travel northward through New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

"Here's a group of people traveling this distance not to get on a welfare program or a food program—but to work. What the migrants receive," the migrant worker observes, "is a small stipend for all their labor."

Harold Wilcox, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board consultant for migrant ministries, thinks it is about time for Baptists to reach this mobile mission field. Already, Christian Social Ministries of the Home Mission Board has staged conferences for migrant ministries in Richmond, Va., Fresno, Ca. and McCormick, S. C.

"The problem," says Wilcox, "is the migrants here today and gone tomorrow—out of your association.

out of your state and out of your mind, if you're not careful."

Wilcox observed there is some good work going on in Arkansas, California, Florida and South Carolina, but, "No one," believes Wilcox, "is doing all they could."

Bob Gross of Hope, Ark., runs a Migrant Mission Center across the highway from the only federally-funded farm labor overnight rest stop in the United States.

Through the mission center—the only one of its kind among Baptists—Gross and the volunteers offer "first aid, Koolaid and spiritual aid." Gross is on call day and night, providing emergency help to migrants traveling out of South Texas home bases upward to the northern crops, and then back again. His help ranges to families with health problems, with car trouble or those needing groceries.

At the center, people may play checkers or ping pong, munch cookies or select clothes from a long rack. Before leaving, most of the migrants also receive a verbal Christian witness. "We know their time is short," explains Gross. Our time is short. So we usually get to the point pretty quick."

Each year, Russell Kauffman drives his '71 blue Datsun along 25,000 miles of Florida backroads and highways, striking up conversations with migrants, sounding out their needs and patiently motivating churches to re-

spond.

Besides building up clothes closets and distributing health kits, Kauffman, who directs migrant work in the state, designed and now coordinates schedules for a mobile health-dental clinic to tour migrant areas in the state. With the health care, the Christian volunteer physicians and dentists provide health instruction and a Christian witness to their patients.

The health needs are so great, Kauffman hopes to have a second clinic for the state.

In California, Augustine Salazar—a native of Mexico—works on both sides of the vineyards to help migrants. Taking pastors into the fields and orchards, he shows them the needs firsthand. And in churches, he often finds himself explaining the harvesting dilemma to Baptist growers sporting car bumper stickers, "Keep Cesar Out of Our Salad." (Cesar Chavez is founder of United Farm Workers.)

During the evenings, Salazar strums Mexican "soul" music in the farm labor camps. After a group gathers, he shows films or presents a brief, evangelistic sermon. "The people are Catholics," Salazar says, "mostly by name only."

"We have found they are eager to listen to the Good News."

These Baptists have seen some of the estimated 1,100,000 migrants living in the United States. Statistics indicate

possibilities for future ministries. The migrant's average education is seventh-eighth grade, many times the people cannot read or speak English, let alone decipher simple contracts, medical forms or food labels at the grocery store.

Dental decay is widespread; between 80,000 and 90,000 migrants a year are injured by pesticides, according to the Food and Drug Administration. And ironically, the workers behind America's balanced meal suffers extensively from nutrition-based disease.

The average farmworker home consists of two rooms for his 6.4 member family, and because of his marginal skills, along with red tomatoes and green cabbages, the migrant harvests substandard working conditions and inferior wages.

Eddie Aurispas, a Texas Baptist who is coordinator of the migrant affairs for Texas' Good Neighbor Commission, says, "We must not only meet their spiritual needs—which are their number one needs—but also we must meet their physical needs."

"The best way to do that, is to work on a day-to-day basis with them."

Wilcox believes Baptists are just beginning to understand the potential of migrant ministries. "Migrant work is still a pretty low priority," he admits. "But when Christians see the needs of these people, I think they will act."

## Meet The Elusive Mr. Action

By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE — Is ACTION a Sunday School enrollment plan or a one-word description of Andy Anderson? You're right, it's both.

Andy Anderson, creator of the ACTION Sunday School enrollment plan, travels approximately 20,000 miles every month to talk with 5,000-10,000 Southern Baptists about the ACTION plan and how to implement it successfully.

He has spoken before city-wide and associational groups, state evangelism conferences, state Sunday School conventions, annual state Baptist Convention meetings, state assembly conferences and state ACTION planning meetings. Also, he talks individually with pastors and Sunday School leaders at almost every stop concerning a local church's particular needs.

Through the hectic travel schedule and the wide variety of meetings, Anderson reports that he has been afforded an "unbelievable reception—in a good way" at every meeting.

Anderson became full-time ACTION specialist for the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in September 1975, following nineteen years as pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Fort Myers, Fla. It was during his last three years at Riverside Church that the ACTION plan was developed.

Following Anderson's resignation as pastor of Riverside Church to accept the full-time position with the Sunday School Board, the church's membership voted to call him as as pastor emeritus for life. A certificate presented to him by the church testifying to that honor hangs on the wall in his study.

He quickly points out that the ACTION plan was not developed solely by him, but with the aid and involvement of many others, particularly in the Florida Baptist Convention.

It is estimated that in the first year of convention-wide promotion, the 1975-76 church year, 20 percent of the 34,902 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention will conduct ACTION campaigns.

"I am witnessing small revival fires all over America through the growth that is taking place in churches using ACTION," Anderson said.

"Every meeting provides me with new illustrations and ideas for the next presentation," he said.

Consequently, he uses no notes with speaking, to take advantage of the most recent news and to avoid having each session sound the same," he said.

What Anderson tells people is not a theory about Sunday School growth, but a plan proven in several hundred churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

In every meeting Anderson tells of three basic laws pertaining to Sunday School and church growth. The first law states that 50 percent of a church's Sunday School enrollment will average in attendance.

The second law concerns absences. If only 50 percent of Sunday School enrollment is present, then 50 percent also must be absent. So, it is necessary to raise the Sunday School enrollment—and the number of absences—if the

Sunday School attendance is to increase.

Law number three concerns the removal of names from the Sunday School rolls. Anderson holds that the only two valid reasons for removing names from the Sunday School rolls are if the member dies or moves away from the city.

Indiscriminate removal of names not only results in the loss of Sunday School prospects, but also will cause Sunday School attendance to drop, according to the first law which states that 50 percent of enrollment will average in attendance.

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First, he is optimistic that ACTION will help numerically small churches become strong enough to be self-supportive, with full-time pastors.

He also would like to see enrollment in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools double in the next 10 years.

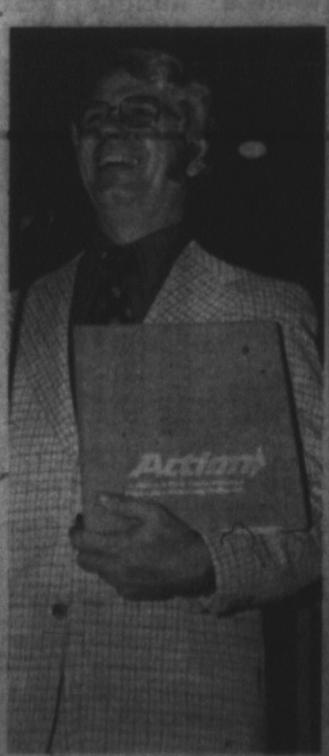
"Even with almost 35,000 Southern Baptist churches in the United States, many cities and geographical areas are without a single evangelical voice," Anderson said. His third hope is that ACTION will be used to establish new Sunday Schools in pioneer, or new work areas.

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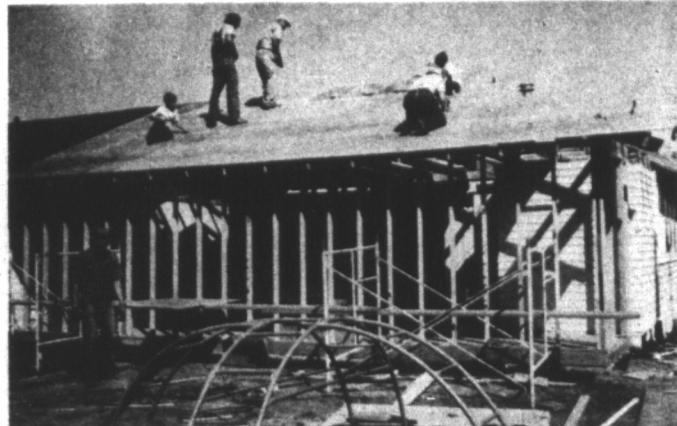
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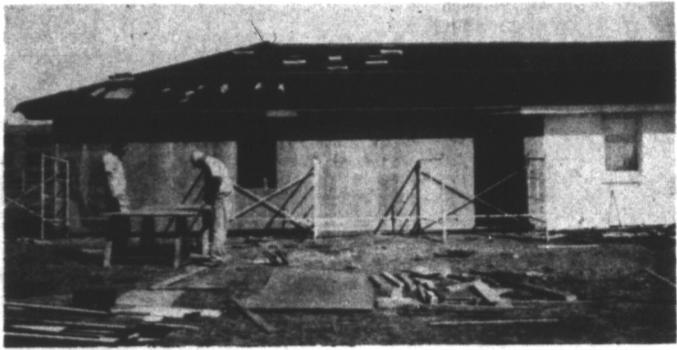
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## Retired Mississippi Carpenter Helps Build Addition To Church In Montana



A group of the men from the Helena Valley Church and Leonard Gee, top, standing up, work on one section of the addition.



Leonard Gee from Crowder, right, and Tom Hocutt, left, pastor of Helena Valley Church, Helena, Montana, work on another section of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gee from Crowder, Mississippi, went to Helena, Montana a few weeks ago to help the Helena Valley Baptist Church in construction work.

Mr. Gee is a retired carpenter who volunteered to go to Montana to help the church in Helena. He led the pastor and men from the church in adding approximately 800 square feet to their building, September 1-18. Many hours were given by all concerned to get the outside of the addition completed in that amount of time.

The Gees became acquainted with the work of this Montana church when their home church, Crowder Church, Truman Scarborough, pastor, began supporting the Helena Valley Church on a regular basis financially.

The group effort saw the three existing buildings tied together to make one continuous U-shaped building. The two new areas added on will be used for Sunday school space and work and storage areas for office equipment. The work was done without the church having to go into debt.

The pastor of the Helena Valley Church, Tom Hocutt, expressed thanks for the Gees' coming the long distance to provide excellent leadership in the construction. He said, "It would have been impossible to get the work done so reasonably and so quickly without the Gees' help. We praise the Lord for people like them and other Mississippi Baptists who have this kind of concern and interest in the Lord's work here in Montana."

## Meet The Elusive Mr. Action

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his hand on my life to do this work at this time."

"I feel that by helping churches increase the number of non-Christians in Bible study, in an insignificant way I can be used to help more people become Christians," he continued, "especially considering that one of three unsaved persons enrolled in Sunday School will be saved."

In interpretation sessions, pastors and Sunday School leaders are told that the ACTION plan may be most beneficial for small churches. The active interest of smaller churches is shown by a recent ACTION meeting in Brasher Falls, N. Y., in an association where churches are separated by as much as four hours driving time.

Anderson also tells people that AC-

TION does not provide quality in Sunday School, but quantity. The ongoing Sunday School program must provide quality Bible study to encourage regular attendance by new members.

For pastors, Anderson encourages them to "try it (ACTION) . . . give it a chance. The job of reaching people is our job."

"Southern Baptists are a people of the Book," he concluded, "and God will use us if we make ourselves available to him."

**Regional Clinic Aids Bus, Children's Worship Ministry**

NASHVILLE — Inspiration, development of outreach through bus ministry and guidance for initiating bus programs are the aims of the Bus Outreach - Children's Worship Clinic to be held at First Baptist Church of Center Point, Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 5-7.

D. Lewis White, bus outreach consultant in the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and director of the clinic, said the conference is for pastors, bus ministry directors, bus drivers and maintenance personnel, and preschool (4-5 year) worship workers.

White said most Southern Baptist churches that have children's worship services also have bus programs. The clinic is planned to cover this special interest and need.

Among the new conferences will be a special interest clinic for the bus drivers and maintenance personnel to be held in the bus garage of the host church. It will be directed by Leon Brown, who is in charge of bus maintenance for First Baptist Church of Center Point.

Other new conferences are children and discipline, children and religious symbolism and a demonstration of a children's worship service. These will be directed by Leon Castle, children's worship consultant in the Board's Sunday School department.

The clinic is jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, the Alabama Baptist State Convention's Sunday School department, and the Birmingham Baptist Association.

There is no fee for the clinic. Information about motels is available from First Baptist Church of Center Point, Birmingham, Ala. 35215.

**RECAFE, Brazil** — Martha Hairston, Southern Baptist missionary here, was named "Citizen of Recife" by the Recife city council recently. Miss Hairston, a native of Warren, Ark., is director of the Seminary for Christian Educators in Recife.

**Ruleville Calls Pass Road Pastor**

The Rev. A. M. "Sonny" Moore III, pastor of Pass Road Church, Gulfport, has accepted the call of Ruleville Church at Ruleville.

Rev. Moore has served Pass Road for three years. During this time there have been 700 additions to the church, over 250 by baptism. In addition, two full-time staff members were employed, while Sunday School attendance and offerings tripled. Moore has served as president of the Gulf Coast Minister's Conference and vice-moderator of the Gulf Coast Association.

The new Ruleville pastor and his wife, Martha, are both natives of Quitman County. They have three children: Pam, 7, Tracy, 3, and Tim, three weeks.

Rev. Moore earned degrees from Northwest Miss. Jr. College, Delta State University, and New Orleans Seminary. He also worked as a teacher, coach, and school principal for 4½ years. He was ordained by First Church, Lambert.

Other pastorates have included Tishabah Church, and Paul Church.



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## Names In The News

**Larry S. Andrews** is the new minister of music at First Church, Columbus, Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor. Mr. Andrews has been minister of music at Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, since 1973. Born at Jackson, Alabama, he graduated from Samford University, and received the Master of Church Music degree from New Orleans Seminary. (He attended USM one year, on a French horn scholarship.) He is married to the former Joyce Sawyer of Andalusia, Alabama, and has a son and a daughter, Andy and Kristi. While minister of music at First Church, Dothan, Alabama, 1967-73, he directed the First Baptist Hour, WTVY-TV, Dothan, a weekly 30-minute broadcast.

**Mary Holfield**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Holfield, missionaries to Italy, married Randy Clark, August 28 in Grand Bay, Ala. Her parents may be addressed at Via Cassia 901-B10, 00189 Rome, Italy. Both missionaries are natives of Mississippi.

**Rupert Ringold** of 402 Jones Street, Winona, is available as a revivalist, counselor, and speaker for civic or religious occasions. Mr. Ringold, a licensed minister, has taught in high school, junior college and college. As a lawyer, he has served as mayor, and as city and county attorney. He has served as chaplain for Civil Air Patrol units and as moderator of his Baptist association (telephone 601-283-4503).

**Coy Privette**, president of the North Carolina Southern Baptist State Convention, was defeated in a runoff in the primary election for the Republican nomination for governor. Privette, who lost to David T. Flaherty, a former North Carolina secretary of human resources, resigned his pastorate at a church in Kannapolis to campaign for the nomination, but he retained the presidency of the Southern Baptist state convention.



Linda Hamil (left), a graduate of Blue Mountain College, was introduced to the Judson College family recently by Dr. and Mrs. N. H. McCrummen at a reception in the President's Home on the Marion, Ala. campus. Miss Hamil will be instructor in drama at the Baptist woman's college. She was previously a member of the faculty at the University of Mississippi and also was drama director at Camp Cristridge in Ridgecrest, N. C.

## Home Mission Board Names 28 US-2ers

**ATLANTA (BP)** — For the next two years, 28 young adults will test their faith, education and maturity in settings which range from glamorous ski resorts to garbage and crime infested inner cities.

They also will test their commitment to full-time Christian vocations.

The 28 were commissioned US-2 missionaries by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board. US-2 is a Peace Corps-like program for young people interested in giving two years of their lives to home mission work.

Of those appointed, some will be teachers and others will work with apartment dwellers, the deaf, students, language and ethnic groups and church members. They will make efforts to minister to young and old, affluent and poverty stricken. They will range from Alaska to Atlanta and from Arizona to the Eastern Seaboard.

Thirteen will work in Christian social ministries areas. One is assigned to church extension work, five to language missions and nine to special missions ministries.

Those appointed include nine from Texas, three from Arkansas, two each from Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and Alabama, and one each from New York, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, Louisiana and Georgia. The Texans include Bill McCann.

McCann, who was born in California but calls Fort Worth home, will work near the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in Jackson Hole, Wyo. He is a graduate of Mississippi College.

## Brooklyn Calls Kenneth Shoemake

The Rev. Kenneth Shoemake, William Carey College graduate of 1970 and recent master of religious education degree graduate of New Orleans Seminary, has been called as pastor of First Church, Brooklyn.

Married to the former Cheryl Saucier of New Orleans, Rev. Shoemake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Shoemake of Rumelton. The couple has two children, Michael, 4, and Michelle, three weeks.

In addition to his MRE degree, Rev. Shoemake also holds the master of divinity degree from the New Orleans Seminary. He has plans for entering the doctoral program within a year.



**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE** — Dean Taylor, a secretary on the staff of Gov. Cliff Finch, shows one of the paintings of Mississippi College students currently hanging in the Governor's suite of offices in the Sillers Office Building. This picture is an oil floral abstract done by Alan Forbes of Columbia. It is located in the reception room of the Governor's suite. (M.C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

## Art Work By MC Students Decorates Governor's Suite

Art work created by students in the Department of Art at Mississippi College is currently decorating the walls of the suite of offices occupied by Gov. Cliff Finch and his staff in the Sillers Office Building.

Mississippi College artists were asked by the Governor's staff to supply the office with items to decorate the walls of the new executive suite and the pictures will be changed periodically. Dr. Sam Gore, head of the art department, is coordinating the exhibit.

"We are happy over the opportunity of exhibiting the work of our students in this location," said Gore. "We will change the pictures on a monthly basis, thus giving more students a chance to exhibit and give a changing decor to the Governor's office."

Gore, also serves as co-chairman along with Mrs. Ernest Thomas, for an exhibition of art that is maintained continually in the Governor's Mansion on Capitol Street. The work exhibited

### Associational

## WMU To Meet At Morrison Heights

A Hinds-Madison associational WMU meeting will be held Monday night, October 12, at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Highlight of the program will be a review of the new WMU manual.

at the Mansion is of artists selected by Mrs. Thomas and Gore for their contributions to the field of art in Mississippi.

"Some of the state artists have not received as much public attention for their work as they deserve," explained Gore, "and this will give them the opportunity of displaying their talent in the Governor's Mansion."

At the Sillers Building exhibit, Judy Gore has an oil still life hanging in the Governor's private office. Judy is now a first year medical student at the University Medical School.

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The congregation of the New Zion Church recently dedicated their new pastorum.



Burning of the debt-free note for New Zion Baptist Church are: (L to R) S. W. Valentine, G. W. Shorter, James K. Dear and Curtis Seal.

## New Zion Dedicates New Pastorum

New Zion Church (Simpson) recently conducted a dedication and note-burning service for their new pastorum. The house, which replaced a trailer, was started August 1, 1975 and the first loan was applied for in Oc-

tober, 1975. The congregation paid off the note in less than a year, making the church debt free. The pastorum is a three-bedroom brick structure with 1 1/2 bath, carpet, den with fireplace, and a pastor's study.

The Rev. S. W. Valentine, Jackson, led the dedication service. Members of the Building Committee are: Curtis Seal, chairman; Ernest Wright and Bennie Andrews. Deacons of the

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Edwards, Baptist representatives in Mexico, may be addressed at Apartado 10-D, Puebla, Puebla, Mexico. Both are from Georgia. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974, he was pastor of Calvary Church, Columbia, Miss.

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## Hilton Coward

### Retires

The Rev. Hilton Coward is retiring as full time pastor after serving as pastor in Franklin, Simpson, and Lincoln counties.

He will be available for supply or interim pastor after October 3 and can be reached by phone 734-2495 or Route 3, McCall Creek, Miss. 38647.

## Former Monk's Lectures Translated By Missionary

CHACHEUNGSAO, Thailand—Lectures by a former Buddhist monk who is no longer president of the Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary, Bangkok, have been edited and translated by Southern Baptist Missionary Frances Hudgins.

The translated editor, Talk in the Shade of the Bo Tree, was named after the kind of tree Buddha was sitting under at the time of his alleged enlightenment. Buddhists believe the tree spreads its influential shade over all of Thailand, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Maxine (Mrs. Robert) Stewart.

The lecturer, Acharn Wan Petchsangkram, spent eight years as a Buddhist monk before he became a Christian. In 1972, he gave a series of studies on the defense and proofs of Christianity for a group of interested Christian leaders at the Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary. The book was compiled from this series.

The lectures were aimed at giving an introductory understanding of popular Buddhism as practiced in central Thailand, according to Mrs. Stewart. Guidelines for presenting the Christian message to the Thai Buddhist in terms which he would find intelligible were suggested.

Miss Hudgins says she hopes this "talk in the shade of the Bo tree" will be illuminating to those who are trying to help Thai people see Christ.

A Virginia native, Miss Hudgins has been a missionary since 1948 and has been in Thailand since 1960. She is the author of the mission study book Temple of the Dawn.

## 88 Mississippians Part of 3,202

### At Southwestern

A record setting student enrollment of 3,202, including 88 students from Mississippi, has added to a 10 year trend of increasing enrollments at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. The final count includes 825 new students.

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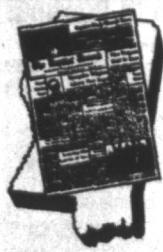
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## Just For The Record



GROUNDBREAKING and dedication services were held on the lot for the new pasturium of First Church, Potts Camp Sunday, Sept. 12. Members and visitors gathered on the site to dedicate the soon-to-be-built house to the Lord. Randolph Walker led the group in "To God Be The Glory." The pastor, the Rev. Ken Cooper, stated that the building "should be a house for the Lord, a home for the pastor, and a home to represent Christ, and one that will hold Him up in the community so that all may see." The deacons, Randolph Walker, John Hale, Marshall Clifton, William Minor, and Hubert Gandy took part in the ceremonies. (Photo by Ron Moody).

Good Hope Church, Leake County, will observe annual Harvest Day, Sunday, October 10. Sunday School will begin at 10 o'clock, and the Harvest Day message at 11. Lunch will be served at noon. The afternoon program will include singing and speaking by the former pastors.

Homecoming at Clear Branch Church (Rankin) will be Sunday, October 10; Sunday School at 10; Johnny Welborn preaching at 11; dinner on the ground; afternoon service at 1:30 with Johnny Welborn and the Life Singers; offering to go for the upkeep of the cemetery; Rev. Roger Lee, pastor.

CLINTON—Mississippi College has instituted an Honors Program for Freshman for the 1976-77 school year, the first time such has been offered first year students.

Chicago (RNS) — Calling single persons the "most neglected" group within the Roman Catholic Church, an editor of a national Catholic magazine has urged parishes to adapt their "almost exclusively family orientation" to encourage full participation by unmarried persons in parish life.

Siloam Church, Clay County, will mark the 127th year of existence on October 10, with homecoming day celebration. The Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor of First Church, Carthage, will be guest speaker. The Clark Family Quintet will sing at the morning service. The Central Methodist Church Choir of Columbus will present "Alleluia" in the afternoon. A picnic dinner will be served at the church.

The Rev. J. P. Bush, interim pastor, announces that Antioch Church in Neshoba County will observe its 50th anniversary with special homecoming services on October 17.

The Rev. Isaac E. Boggs, a former pastor, will speak at the 11 a.m. service. At the afternoon service, all other former pastors present will be given an opportunity to speak. A brief history of the church will be read, and charter members and former members will be recognized.

David Herrington, minister of music, will lead the church choir in special music. "Christians," a singing group from Kemper County, will be guest musicians.

Dinner will be served on the grounds.

On October 10 Central Church, Brookhaven, will observe homecoming and twenty-fifth anniversary.

The Rev. A. Marvin Sanders, who was responsible for beginning the mission that became Central Church will bring the morning message. He is presently pastor of Tyner Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

When Sanders was director of missions in Brookhaven the Rev. W. Landen Miller was pastor of First Baptist Church. Rev. Sanders was assisted in this mission effort by a Sunday School class taught by D. D. Kennedy. Sanders served the mission in many capacities from pastor, song leader, Sunday School teacher, to helping with janitorial duties.

Lunch will be served at the church Oct. 10 following the morning worship hour.

The afternoon service will begin at 1:15. Several singing groups will bring messages in song. The Rev. Willard Sandiford, who was licensed to preach during the time Rev. Sanders served as mission pastor, will bring the afternoon message. Rev. Sandiford is presently pastor of Northside Church, Pineville, Louisiana.

Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

### Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For October 17

## Members Of Christ's Body

By Bill Duncan

1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Ephesians 4:11-16

How would you describe or explain the church? Is it the building? Is it an organization like the Sunday School? I am reminded of the blind boy trying to describe an elephant. When he touched the elephant's legs, he thought of a tree. When he touched the ears, he thought of canvas. He could not imagine what the animal was.

The early church needed to have an idea of the church that the people could understand. Therefore, the Holy Spirit gave the writers the idea that the church is the body of Christ. It speaks to us about the character of the church, which is its form; the purpose of the

church, which is its function; and the relationship of the church which is its fellowship.

Paul says we are the body of Christ and our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We are here that in our bodies, by the power of His indwelling life, we might be brought to complete fruition and total victory. We become members of the body according to 1 Corinthians 12:13, "By our Spirit are we all baptized into one body... and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." "By the Spirit" speaks of the fact that anyone who is alive in Christ has been made one by the same quickening Spirit and he is partaker of the same divine nature. We are not a mass of individuals, but a body completely identified with His in His death and resurrection, completely united in our spiritual life. In our ministry of redemption is the whole purpose for which we are left here.

Yet in the body there is the fellowship of diversity. "When one member suffers, all the members suffer with him." There is a vast difference between the various members of the body. The individuals who are members of the body bring into the body of Christ many differences. But each person contributes to the whole. The fellowship in diversity is caring one for another. The body can be healthy when the body is strong and each member is functioning as it ought, then there is resistance to disease. We can learn to love and to care for our brethren who are different.

Millions have gone to Christless graves because the church quarreled until the body was torn apart and became totally ineffective. This has caused the flame of love practically to die out within some of the Christian's churches. Some of this came about because of jealousy within the members because of gifts. Some of this came about because instead of covering the weaker members for the protection of the whole, many were ready to expose them.

What is the purpose of the local body

of Christ? Obviously to worship God because worship is the most important event in the church's life, the main spring in its ministry, and the source of its power. A church that ceases to worship becomes like a ship without a rudder and without engines. Yet if a congregation did nothing more than worship, nothing more than pray and sing hymns and study the Bible and hold church activities, it would be like an air force squadron being briefed for a bombing mission but never starting out on the mission, it would be like a class of medical students listening to lectures but never graduating and going out to help people. The local church exists, not to serve its own members, but to equip its members to serve God in the secular society. The work of the church does not take place in the church building, but out in the world.

Unity, knowledge, maturity — those are the goals for His church. "So shall we all at last attain to the unity inherent in our faith, and our knowledge of

### Sunday School Lesson: International For October 17

## The New Life In Christ

By Wm. J. Fallis  
Romans 6

What did you expect to happen when you became a Christian? Your answer will probably be influenced by the invitation to which you responded. Because of Christ's death, God would forgive your sins and give you power to deal with temptation. Then after baptism you would be an active member of the church. Your faith in God's grace would prepare you for eternity in heaven. Often the new Christian is not prepared or guided to know how his new life in Christ will — or is supposed to — change his outlook, values, and relationships. Becoming a Christian is not like finding a box of answers; it is more like being fitted for a rugged life.

The Lesson Explained  
Salvation Is Death And New Life  
(vv. 1-11)

It sounds strange, but that is what Paul said. We are dead to sin but alive in Christ. Our baptism symbolizes burial and resurrection — the old self and the new. In it we are reminded that Christ died and was raised from the dead. When we trust God's love, accept His forgiveness, and yield to Christ as Lord and Saviour, we become new creatures. The transformation is so radical that Paul describes it as death and new life. It is that kind of spiritual regeneration that he had been talking about in Romans 4 and 5. It was salvation made possible by God's grace and not dependent upon obedience to law. It is not some kind of heavenly contract, but it is an experience that brings about a life-changing relationship between the believer and God in Christ.

This New Life Resources Sin  
(vv. 12-14)

Here Paul faces the real fact that Christians do live in mortal bodies and will have desires of the "natural self," but Christians must not let sin run their lives. Just because they get hungry is no reason for them to become

gluttons. The sex drive is a gift of God, but it is not to be exploited or perverted. Instead of giving themselves to sin, Paul said they must give themselves to God. After all, he brought them from death to life; they must take a stand against evil that leads to death. In the salvation experience they have been delivered from the control of sin; now they can use their skills and faculties for righteousness. As Martin Luther said to his fellow Christians, "Become what you are!"

Old Slavery Vs. New Freedom  
(vv. 15-23)

Verse 15 is similar to the question in 6:1. Paul was refuting arguments of the Judaizers against justification by grace. They claimed that de-emphasizing obedience to law in relation to God would lead to sinful living. Paul said: "By no means!" (TEV). Then he used the idea of slavery to illustrate his point. The slave must obey his master. If a man's master is sin, he must obey even though it ends in death. On the other hand, if a person is committed to the righteousness provided by God's grace, he must obey the

truths of the teaching he has accepted. This is not slavery but freedom.

Verse 16 repeats the idea in verse 13 except for that last word "holiness." The Greek word is translated in various ways: holy purpose (TEV), holy life (NEB), and sanctification (RSV). This is really what the new life in Christ is all about. The experience of sanctification begins in one's conversion, when God sets a person apart for his purpose and service. Then it continues as the person yields himself more and more in obedience to the Master. True sanctification has nothing to do with spiritual pride; it means a lively conformity to the pattern of Christ. It is both doctrine and adventure.

Then Paul said that when the Romans were slaves of sin, they were not concerned about righteousness. Now they are ashamed of what they did. Their new "slavery" is really a deliverance under God's control which leads through dedicated living to eternal life. Yielding to sin brings only death, but yielding to God brings his free gift of eternal life "through Jesus Christ our Lord."



Friendship East Church in Tallahatchie County dedicated their new education building on a recent Sunday. The building is named for the late J. R. "Bud" Nelson, who was chairman of the building committee. The Rev. G. E. Jolley of Batesville, director of missions, Panola County, brought the dedication message, assisted by the Rev. Donald O'Quinn, pastor of First Church, Charleston, and the Rev. J. G. Thomas, pastor of Friendship East. After lunch was served, the choir presented a program of special music.

## BWA Increases Allocations For Outreach

MELBOURNE, Australia (BP) The Baptist World Alliance general council meeting here, boosted the Alliance's 1976 budget by 53 percent and its proposed 1977 budget by 70 percent in actions aimed at greatly increasing the BWA worldwide programs.

The BWA had begun 1976 operating on a budget of \$264,000 — a figure long judged to be far inadequate for a world organization, a spokesman said. Actions by the general council in Melbourne increased the 1976 figure to \$405,000, and set objectives of \$488,700 for 1977 and \$518,070 for 1978.

within their own framework and geographical area.

Other increases will go to a program of study and research which brings together scholars from all parts of the world for the exchange of ideas, and the development of regional programs within continental areas. The BWA

program of relief and development operates outside the regular budget.

Rhodes estimated that a total of \$214,000 will come from member unions and conventions in 1976, to be supplemented by \$130,500 in other gifts, and \$40,500 in miscellaneous earnings.

## Devotional

### It's Starting Over Time Again!

By James W. Duke, Pastor, First, Shelby

Jeremiah 18:4: "So He made it over, reworking it into another vessel." In this passage, God is leading His preacher to the school room of life to teach him the importance of "starting over time." In the damp, dark workshop of the potter's house, Jeremiah was to learn that when man had made a mess of his yesterdays, and would bring them to God, God was always willing to start them over again with a new slate and a new start.

Over and over throughout the Bible we find the people of God standing at the starting line of a new day, or entering into new relationships and new experiences with God there to encourage them to make a new start.

In my life, and in the churches I've pastored, I'm always glad to welcome a new year and a new start. I find the need for lots of new years and lots of new starts. So we celebrate many New Year's services, including January 1st, the calendar New Year; July 1st, the start of the fiscal year; the church's founding date is another new year; the start of a new church year gives us still another. Can you grasp this, in my ministry I have five New Year's Services to look back and be sorry for failures and thankful for victories? I have five New Year's services to mark with my people, while looking ahead to new days, new goals, and new accomplishments.

Let me invite you to join me and my people at the threshold of this new church year in a starting over celebration. It's a new year and God wants us to have a new start. Let us thank God for a new slate of workers and for new plans made for twelve new months to give to Him.

Let's not limp into the new year carrying the burden of yesterday with its leftover victories and memories of failures. Let's leap into this new church year, knowing that God knows we need a new start and that He is willing for us to have it, and that He will go with us all the way.

Have a happy and holy New Church Year!!!

## Cowart Calls

T. F. Wilder

The Rev. Tommy F. Wilder has accepted a call to become pastor of Cowart Church, Route 2, Charleston.

He was serving as associate pastor at Colonial Hill Church, Southaven. Other pastores have been at Algonia (Pontotoc) and Fredonia (Union County).

Rev. Wilder, a native of New Albany, is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. He and his wife, Janice, have three sons, Roger, 9, Mike, 7, and Joey, 2.

the Son of God — to mature manhood, measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ.

The apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and the teachers are not to do the work of the church but to equip the saints for the work. The church is the whole people of God out in the world; it is men, women and children committed to Jesus Christ, serving God seven days a week wherever they live and work.

There is a difference between growing and growing up. Most normal people grow. Our children are growing like beanstalks and spilling out of their clothes. Yet they may or may not grow up in the sense of becoming mature persons.

The members of the church are to grow up to mature manhood measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ. Some of these marks of maturity that we are to have in our lives are mentioned by Paul. We are to be stable, not like the waves that are directed by the winds. We expect children to be unstable. But we need stability in order to have a reasonable spirit. Tolerance is a mark of maturity. We are to be able to speak without having to cut back at someone who hurts our feelings. Obedience is a mark of a maturing Christian and church. "He is the head and on Him the whole body depends." Christ becomes the control tower — the final authority and we are to obey Him. Coordination is the mark of maturity and of a healthy body. The members can cooperate and work together like a well-oiled machine.

Each member of the church is to function as do the parts of a human body. Each part is vital, all interdependent and all dependent upon the Head — Jesus Christ. The church can never fulfill its mission in the world until we discover the true function of each member. When all cooperate, the body is healthy and happy.

When a newlywed served baked ham to her husband, he noticed she had cut the ends off and asked why. "That's the way Mother always did it," she replied with a shrug.

When his mother-in-law came for a visit, he asked her the same question. "That's the way my mother did it," she replied.

"Finally, he asked his wife's grandmother, who answered, "That's the only way I could get it into the pan."

"I just got out of prison this morning," a traveler told a man on the train. "It's going to be tough facing old friends." "I can sympathize with you," said the other; "I'm just getting home from Congress."

A wife giving a big dinner party was carrying the beautifully browned, 15 lb roast into the dining room when she stumbled and dropped the roast on the floor. The meat rolled off the platter and slid along the floor until it reached the other side of the room. "Don't worry," her husband said calmly. "Just pick it up and carry it back to the kitchen. And then bring in the other roast."

"Let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, it is the working classes that have made this country what it is today," the orator said. He hesitated, expecting applause, but an angry listener shouted: "That's the way with you politicians — blame everything on the poor folks."

A stout schoolteacher was telling her class about the habits of birds. "At home," she said, "I have a canary and it can do something I can't do. Do any of you know what that is?" The class looked puzzled for a moment, and then little Mary raised her hand. "I know, teacher," she said triumphantly. "Take a bath in a teacup!"

A pig was lamenting his lack of popularity. He complained to the cow that people were always talking about the cow's gentleness and kind eyes, whereas his name was used as an insult. "Why," he complained, "we pigs give bacon and ham and bristles. People even pickle our feet! I don't see why cows are esteemed so much more."

The cow thought awhile and said, "I guess the difference is that they don't have to kill me to get something out of me." — "The Good News," Morrison Heights